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LETTER DATED 6 MAY 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of an incident that took place on 28 April 1997. At 0930 hours on that day, while it was fishing in the Khawr Abd Allah waterway inside Iraqi territorial waters, an Iraqi fishing boat with three persons on board was attacked by a Kuwaiti patrol consisting of two gunboats with armed personnel on board. They fired on the Iraqi fishing boat, and Iyad Hadi Assaf, an Iraqi fisherman, was killed.

I request you to intervene with Kuwait with a view to inducing it to desist from repeated acts of aggression against a State Member of the United Nations that are to be regarded as flagrant violations of the Charter of the United Nations and public international law. I also affirm the right of the Republic of Iraq to seek compensation for the consequences of the act of aggression in question, which took the life of an Iraqi citizen in an unjustifiable manner.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
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